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- 1. THAILAND
- 2. CNTRY CODE: 549
- 3. SER. NO: 0004400
- 4. MECHANICAL EQUIPMENT CO., LTD.
- 4A. CODE: K
- 5. 295 SIPHYA ROAD, P.O. BOX 550
- 6. BANGKOK, THAILAND
- 7. ESTABL: 1949
- 8. EMPL: 400
- 9. SIZE: (19-X) LARGE
- 10. REPUTAION: (22-X) GOOD
- $11.\ SELLS$  ITS PRODUCTS IN THE FOLLOWING FOREIGN AREAS LISTED

IN ORDER OF IMPORTANCE: LOCAL AND BURMA

- 12. RPT. DATE: 04/77
- 13.A. 35300/1235. IMP. AGT. DIST. RTR. OF CONSTRUCTION MACHINERY
- 13.B. 35200/1235. RTR.AGT. DIST. IMP. OF FARM MACHINERY

13C. 37310/1235. RTR. AGT. DIST. IMP. OF SHIP BUILDING, REPAIRING

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13D. 35321/1235. RTR. AGT.DIST.IMP. OF MINING MACHINERY AND

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13E. 37110/1235. RTR. AGT. DIST. IMP. OF STRUCKS AND MOTORS

14. CONTACT: MR. CHUAN AROONRATANA TITLE: MANAGING DIRECTOR

15. CABLE: MEQUIP BANGKOK

16. TELEX: MEQUIP TH 2509

17. TEL. 233-7961 AND 234-9490

18. FINANCIAL REFS: BANGKOK BANK LTD., 9 SUAPA ROAD, BANGKOK; KRUNG THAI BANK LTD. 260 YAWARAJ ROAD, BANGKOK; LAEM THONG BANK LTD., 289/9 SURAWONGSE ROAD, BANGKOK. 19. TRADE RERS: INTERNATIONAL HARVESTER EXPORT CO., 401 NORTH MICHIGAN AVENUE, CHICAGO, ILL. 60611. 20. AGENCY REP: INT'L HARVESTER EXPORT CO., 401 NORTH MICHIGAN AVE., CHICAGO, ILL. 60611, AGRICULTURAL, CONSTRUCTION INDUSTRIAL AND MOTOR TRUCKS; GALION MANUFACTURING DIV., DRESSER INDUSTRIES, INC., SOUTH STREET, GALION, OHIO 44833, ROAD CONSTRUCTION EQUIPMENT: THE DIXIE DREDGE CORP., 8224 POLK STREET, ST. LOUIS, MISSOURI 63111, PORTABLE DREDGES: FRUEHAUF CORP., 30 ROCKEFELLER PLAZA, NEW YORK, N.Y. 10020, TRAILERS; KOMATUS-INT'L MFG. CO., LTD., 8TH FLOOR, KOMATSU BLDG., 3-6, 2-CHOME AKASAKA, MINATO-KU, TOKYO, JAPAN, WHEEL-TIRED LOADERS, TOWING TRACTORS. 21. SUBJECT FIRM WAS ESTABLISHED IN 1949 AS A CORPORATION WITH AN AUTHORIZED CAPITAL OF US\$250,000 WHICH WAS SUBSEQUENTLY INCREASED TO US\$1,500,000 IN 1967. IT ACTS AS IMPORTER, AGENT AND DISTRIBUTOR OF AGRICULTURAL, CONSTRUCTION, INDUSTRIAL AND TRANSPORTATION EQUIPMENT, AND HAS REPRESENTED THE INTERNATIONAL HARVESTER EXPORT CO. AND GALLION SINCE ITS ESTABLISHEMENT. FIFTY PERCENT OF ITS IMPORTS IS FROM THE U.S. AND THE REMAINDER FROM JAPAN (30 PERCENT), U.K. (15 PERCENT) AND INDIA (5 PERCENT). SUBJECT FIRM SELLS TO THAI GOVERNMENT AGENCIES THROUGH BID SALES AND TO PRIVATE END-USERS IN THAILAND AND BURMA. IT OWNS A TEN STORY BUILDING COVERING A SAPCE OF 1,700SQ. METERS FOR SERVICE FACILITIES, 3,860 SQ. METERS FOR PARTS TORAGE AND 330 SQ. METERS FOR A CONFERENCE HALL, ALL LOCATED IN ONE OF THE BUSIEST AREAS OF BANGKOK. IT MAINTAINS A WORKSHOP AT SAMRONG, SAMUT PRAKARN, ABOUT 30 KILOMETERS SOUTH OF BANGKOK, WHERE UNCLASSIFIED

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IT ASSEMBLES AND REPAIRS TRUCKS AND FARM TRACTORS, AND HAS THREE BRANCHES UP-COUNTRY. IT EMPLOYS 400 PEOPLE INCLUDING 30 SALESMEN AND ITS ANNUAL SALES IN 1976 WAS REPORTED TO BE US\$17,500,000. SUBJECT FIRM IS A MEMBER OF THAI CHAMBER OF COMMERCE, AMERICAN CHAMBER OF COMMERCE AND KOREAN CHAMBER OF COMMERCE. SUBJECT FRIM IS CLOSELY ASSOICATED WITH THE TRANSMOTIVE SALES CO., LTD., AN IMPORTER OF PEGASSO TRUCK CHASSIS. A LOCAL BANK REPORTS THAT MECHANICAL EQUIPMENT CO. HAS MAINTAINED A PROPERLY CONDUCTED ACCOUNT WITH THE BANK SINCE 1949 AND HAS BEEN GRANTED CREDIT FACILITIES WHICH HAVE BEEN USED TO THE BANK'S SATISFACTION. IT IS CONSIDERED TO BE AN EXCELLENT TRADE CONTACT FOR U.S. FIRMS.

22. PREPARED BY: SATHIT / COMSAK APPROVED BY: JAMES H. SAVERY AT: AMEMBASSY BANGKOK WHITEHOUSE

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